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ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2013

MAY 2013

3.46

*The average family
size for those who
reported their race
as Asian in 2010.*

*The average family
size in the state of
Iowa is 2.97.*

In 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. The first 10 days of May were chosen to coincide with two important anniversaries: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (May 10, 1869). In 1992, Congress expanded the 10-day observance to a month-long celebration.

66,595

The number of Iowa residents in 2011 who say they are Asian or Asian in combination with one or more other races. This group comprises 2.2 percent of Iowa's total population.

54.4%

The percent change in the Asian population from 2000 to 2011. This is a 23,476 numeric increase for the period.

110,014

The projected number of Iowa residents who will identify themselves as either Asian or native Hawaiian and

other Pacific Islander in 2040 according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc.

3,180

The number Iowa residents who say they are native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone in 2011. This group comprises 0.1 percent of Iowa's total population.

44.8%

The percent change in population for native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders from 2000 to 2011. This is a numeric increase of 984 for the period.

Coming to America

33.6%

The percent of Iowa's foreign born population in 2011 who were born in Asia.

76.4%

The percentage of Iowa's Asian foreign-born who entered the United States since 1990.

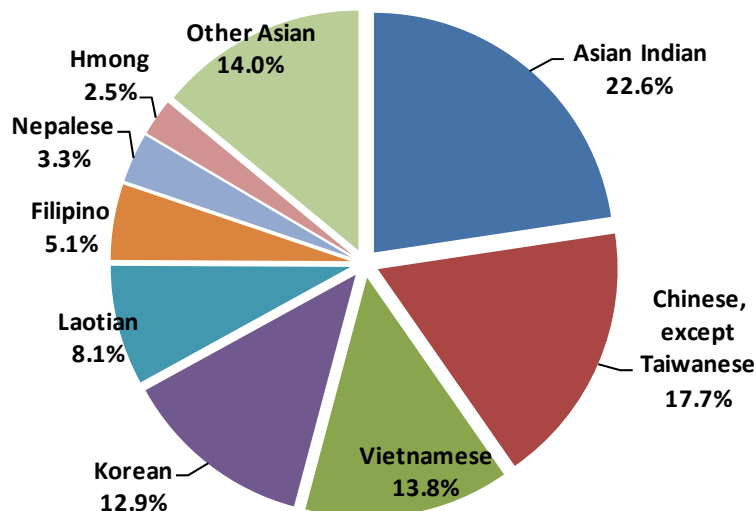
34.3%

The percentage of Iowa's foreign-born in 2011 from Asia who are naturalized citizens. The corresponding rate for the foreign-born population as a whole is 30.8 percent.

9,774

The estimated number of foreign-born people from India in 2011. After Mexico, India is the leading country of birth for the state's foreign-born. Also among the top 10 countries of birth for Iowa's foreign-born population are China, Korea, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

Iowa's Asian Population: 2011



Counties and cities

Top 5 Counties of Residence for all Asians in Iowa: 2011

Polk	16,051	28.2%
Johnson	7,133	12.5%
Story	5,547	9.8%
Linn	4,140	7.3%
Scott	3,549	6.2%

Top 5 Counties of Residence for all Native Hawaiians and/or Other Pacific Islanders in Iowa: 2011

Polk	361	14.3%
Dubuque	267	10.6%
Black Hawk	243	9.6%
Woodbury	157	8.0%
Buena Vista	132	5.2%

Percentage of all Native Hawaiian /Other Pacific Islanders in Iowa: Top 5 Cities of Residence: 2010

Dubuque	13.4%
Waterloo	9.8%
Des Moines	7.4%
Cedar Rapids	7.3%
Sioux City	5.1%

Percentage of all Asians in Iowa: Top 5 Cities of Residence: 2010

Des Moines	16.9%
Ames	9.7%
Iowa City	8.8%
Cedar Rapids	5.3%
West Des Moines	5.1%

16,051

The number of Asians in Polk county in 2011, which has the largest population of this race of any Iowa county. Polk county has both the largest population and the largest numerical increase (4,797) of people in this group between 2000 and 2011.

Jefferson county is where Asians make up the highest proportion of the total population (8.6 percent).

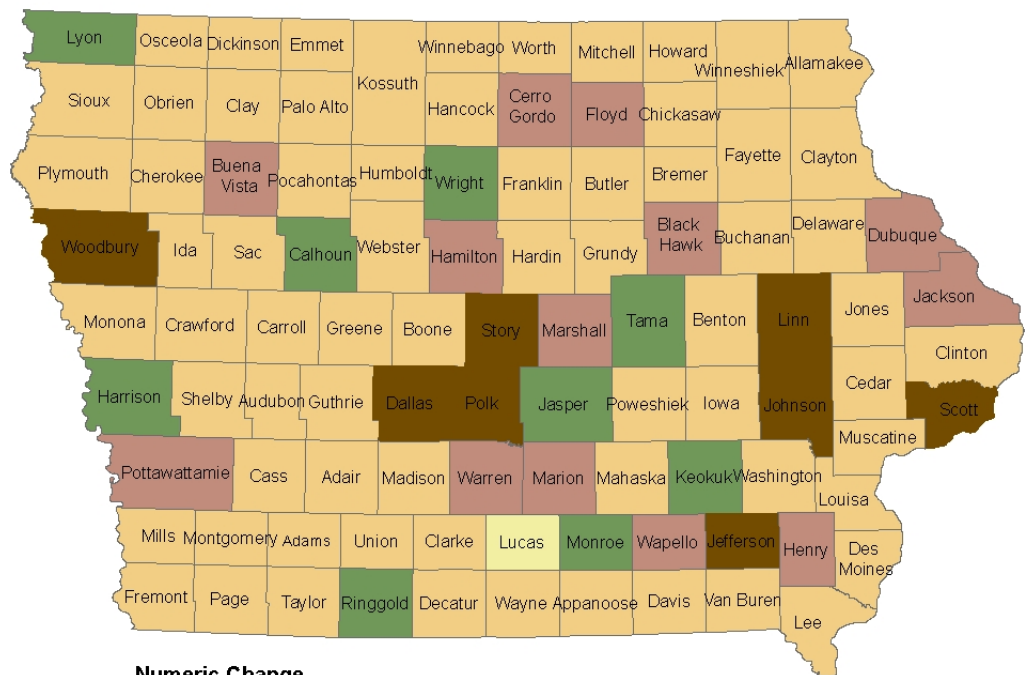
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The number of native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders in Polk county in 2011, which leads all counties in Iowa.

Buena Vista county is where native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders make up the largest proportion (0.6 percent) of the total population.



Population Change for Asian and Pacific Islanders in Iowa: 1990-2010



Numeric Change

Population Decrease No change 1 - 99 100 - 999 Over 1,000

Education

12,589

The number Asian and Pacific Islanders enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2012-2013 school year.

55.7%

Percent increase in enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2012-2013.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

48.9%

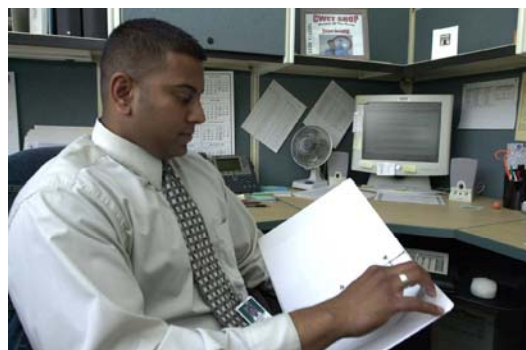
The percentage of Asians in 2011, age 25 and over, who have a bachelor's or higher degree education. Asians have the highest proportion of college graduates of any race or ethnic group in the state. The corresponding rate for all lowans in this age group is 25.8 percent.

83.3%

The percentage of Asians in 2011, age 25 and over, who are high school graduates. The corresponding rate for all lowans in this age group is 90.6 percent.

31.8%

The percentage of Asians in 2011, age 25 and over, who have a graduate degree (e.g., master's, Ph.D., M.D. or J.D.). The corresponding rate for all adults in the age group is 8.1 percent.



Languages

8,613

The number of people who speak Chinese at home in 2011. Chinese is the most widely spoken Asian language in the state. Also among the top 10 most frequently spoken languages are: Vietnamese (5,660), Hindi (4,339); Korean (4,268); Laotian (3,471); and Tagalog (2,638)

Age Distribution

22.1%

The percentage of the native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander population that are under 18 in 2011; 0.2 percent are 65 or over.

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey

23.1 percent of people identifying themselves as Asian are under 18; 4.8 percent are 65 or over.

Source: 2011 American Community Survey

Families

11,480

The number of families with householders who reported their race as Asian in 2011.

4,154

The numeric change in families with householders who reported their race as Asian between 2000-2011. This is a 56.7 percent increase for the period.

8.5%

The percentage of Asian families with children under 18 headed by a single parent in 2011. The corresponding percentage for the state is 12.7%.

21.2%

The percentage of native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islander families with children under 18 headed by a single parent in 2011.

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey

Income and poverty

\$55,034

The median income of households in 2011 whose householders reported their race as Asian. The median household income for all lowans is \$49,427.

\$69,622

The median income of households whose householders reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders

Source: 2009-2011 American Community Survey

16.9%

The poverty rate in 2011 for those who reported their race as Asian. The corresponding rate for Iowa as a whole is 12.8 percent.

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Vital Statistics

19.7

The Asian/Pacific Islander birth rate per 1,000 population in 2011. The birth rate per 1,000 for the state was 12.5.

182.2

The Asian/Pacific Islander rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births in 2011. The rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births for the state was 338.1.

32.5

The Asian/Pacific Islander rate of births for mothers under age 20 per 1,000 live births in 2011. The rate for the state was 70.8.

2.2

The Asian/Pacific Islander death rate per 1,000 population in 2011. The death rate per 1,000 for the state was 9.2.

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health



Serving Our

Nation

237

The number of Asian-American military veterans in 2011.

Employment

7.6 %

The unemployment rate in 2011 for those who reported their race as Asian. The unemployment rate for all Iowans is 6.0%.

18.5 %

The unemployment rate in for those who reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

Source: 2007 - 2011 American Census

Business

2,834

The number of Asian-owned firms in Iowa in 2007.

178

The number of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms in Iowa in 2007.

73.0%

The percent increase in Asian and of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms between 1997 and 2007.

Source: 2007 & 1997 Survey of Business Owners Survey

Occupation

43.6 %

The percent of Asians in 2011 in the management, professional, and related occupations field. Other occupations include Production, transportation, and material moving occupations (20.9%), and Service occupations (18.5%)

Data Source (unless otherwise noted) :

U.S. Census Bureau,
2011 American Community Survey
U.S. Decennial Census 1990,
2000 and 2010

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